

Council summary- March 30, 2020

Update on resignations

College President Jennifer Pereira welcomed Sara Gottlieb, who was recently appointed to Council by the Ontario Government. She noted that two public and two professional members recently resigned, and thanked them for their service.

Review of draft audited financial statements

Chad McCleave, Chair of the Finance & Planning Committee, provided an overview of the draft audited financial statements for the fiscal year September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019. Council approved the statements for publishing in the annual report and for submission to the Minister of Health.

Registrar's Report

Brenda Kritzer, Registrar and CEO, reported on the following:

- How the College was managing its operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Insurance de-listing of health professionals. This means private insurance companies are “delisting” healthcare professionals due to fraudulent or otherwise suspect billing practices. Some insurance companies, which have sophisticated investigative techniques, have also stopped sharing information obtained through their internal investigations with health professions regulators. The College is scheduling a meeting with the Financial Services Regulatory Authority to discuss the issue.

Election of professional member to the Executive Committee

Due to recent resignations, the Executive Committee was short one professional member. Those interested in serving on Executive Committee were asked to submit their nominations before and during the Council meeting. Elwin Lau was elected by acclamation to the Executive Committee.

Report from the Specialties Committee

Mary Pat Moore, the interim Chair of the Specialties Committee, provided an update on the Committee's consideration of a proposal to authorize a specialty or class of registration for athletic therapists. The Committee continues its work and will be:

- further investigating the risk of harm posed by athletic therapists;
- reviewing the Canadian Athletic Therapist's Association's credentialing and accreditation procedures;
- seeking additional expert advice in its assessment of education programs;
- looking at public awareness strategies to help address risk of harm concerns; and
- reviewing the Specialties Assessment Framework.

Council appointed Mary Pat Moore as Chair of the Committee and Sara Gottlieb as a new public member to the Committee.

Committee Reports

Council received reports from the Registration and Quality Assurance committees. Council also received a second quarter financial report and dashboard. Council members asked questions on each of the reports.

President's Report

Jennifer Pereira reported on the following:

- CKO-Universities Liaison Committee Meeting in December 2019
- Results of the December 2, 2019 Council meeting feedback survey

Approval of revised committee membership

Due to recent resignations and the appointment of a new public Council member, Council approved a revised committee composition. [View the College's committees.](#)

Approval of 2020 election schedule

Council reviewed a schedule for the 2020 election in Districts 2, 3 and 4. Council directed staff to publish the notice of election and begin preparing the nomination process.

Vacancies in Districts 2 and 3

The resignation of two professional members in February 2020 left vacancies in Districts 2 and 3. Given that the vacancies occurred so close to the nomination period opening in May 2020 and that Council still had the required number of Councillors to conduct business, Council decided to leave the seats vacant.